

How to Clarify

When you have not heard or understood something someone has just said, then it is time to clarify. You can do this in several ways.

Issue: You didn't hear everything they said

Clarification: Sorry, could you say that again?

Issue: You are not sure you've spelled their name right.

Clarification: Sorry, you could say that again, this time a bit slower?

Issue: You didn't understand *anything* the person just said.

Clarification: Would you mind repeating?

Issue: Teacher says turn to P. 109 and to Exercises A, B and D.

Clarification: So, let me check if I heard you. You want us to do A, B and D on p.109?

Try This

Practise clarifying with your classmate.

Ask them the following questions and write down their answers.

1. What is your full name?
2. What is the name of the town or city where you were born?
3. What is / was your father's full name?
4. What is the capital city of the country you were born in?
5. What suburb do you live in?
6. What are your siblings' names?